

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC NOTICE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT REMEDIAL OBJECTIVES REPORT FOR THE WESTERN AVENUE GOODYEAR/AVONDALE WOARF REGISTRY SITE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is soliciting comments for the draft Remedial Objectives (RO) Report on the Western Avenue WQARF Site in Goodyear and Avondale, Arizona [A.A.C. R18-16-404(C)(1)(c)]. The Draft RO Report identifies and considers the current and reasonably foreseeable uses of land and waters of the state and accepts inputs solicited when the Remedial Objectives are proposed. Input will be accepted during the comment period and at the public meeting. Once the RO have been finalized the final Remedial Investigation (RI) Report will contain data gathered during the RI, the Final RO Report, and a Responsiveness Summary compiled to address comments, issues or concerns raised in the community involvement process.

The project area is bounded approximately by the groundwater contamination plume which generally extends from Hill Drive (north of Western Avenue) to the north, Third Street to the east, approximately 1,000 feet north of State Route 85 to the south and the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport to the west in Goodyear, Arizona. The site boundaries provide the estimated extent of currently known contamination.

Field investigation activities for the Western Avenue WQARF Site have been conducted from 1993 to the present time. The contaminant of concern detected in the groundwater samples collected during field investigations is tetrachloroethene (PCE). The Western Avenue WQARF Site was placed on the WQARF Registry in 1998 with a score of 51 out of a possible 120 points. The scoring of a site, its relative score, or its placement on the Registry does not necessarily represent a determination that the release of a hazardous substance from the site poses a threat to human health or welfare or the environment. In 2006, ADEQ issued the draft RI Report for the Western Avenue Site for public comment [A.R.S. §49-287.03 and A.A.C. R18-16-406(F)].

Following a 30-day public comment period for the Draft RO Report, ADEQ will determine the ROs with consideration of the comments it has received. The finalized ROs will be incorporated and become part of the final RI Report. A public meeting of the Community Advisory Group (CAG) is scheduled for Thursday February 5th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Goodyear City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338. At this time ADEQ will accept public comments on the proposed ROs. A copy of the Draft RO Report will be available for review at the Avondale Public Library at 495 E. Western Ave., Avondale, AZ 85323, phone (623) 333-2665.

PARTIES WISHING TO OFFER COMMENTS on the Draft RO Report must make such comments in writing to ADEQ, Attention: André Chiaradia, WQARF Project Manager, 1110 W. Washington Street, 4415B-1, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 and reference this listing.

Comments must be received to ADEO by close of business Monday, March 2nd, 2009.

Dated this 30th day of January, 2009 André Chiaradia, Project Manager Arizona Department of Environmental Quality